

ABSTRACT OF THE INVENTION

5 Disclosed is a pharmaceutical composition including a therapeutic
quantity of a COX-2 inhibitor having an IC₅₀-WHMA COX-2/COX-1 ratio
ranging from about 0.23 to about 3.33 with reduced gastrointestinal and
cardiovascular toxicity. Also disclosed are methods for treating osteoarthritis,
rheumatoid arthritis or acute pain with less side-effects and faster onset of
10 action utilizing the disclosed pharmaceutical composition.

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